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The program of the Slovenian Society for Conservation-Restoration in the year 2019 was dedicated to the conservation-restoration profession and to the wider public. All events of the Society were published on the website www.slodrs.si, professionals and general public were also informed about various events through e-mail addresses.

Last year the website was supplemented with new and updated professional content from various professional fields, as we are aware that technology is constantly evolving.

In the field of promotion the Meeting of Conservator-Restorers is one of the most important project of the Society. Last year we achieved a really high number of participants from Slovenia and abroad. At the same time we published a comprehensive collection of articles, which were also translated into English. The publication *Konservator-restavrator* (Conservator-restorer) presents a wide insight into the completed conservation and restoration projects, methods and principles that were used in the conservation and restoration of cultural heritage. At the event, we also highlighted the current issues in the field of conservation and restoration with plenary lectures. The key-note speakers presented the problem of aesthetic presentation in all professional fields. The event was at the same time the opening of the traditional Conservation-restoration Transversal, which consisted of many events organized by conservator-restorers throughout Slovenia – presentations of projects, workshops, open-lab days, lectures... , which was concluded at the end of June.

Members and other experts in the field of conservation and restoration recognize the Meeting of Conservator-restorers and the Mirko Šubic Awards as very professional and at a high level, so

we record a high participation every year. As every year we also produced information for the media, which can generally be used for promotional purposes.

In November we also jointly organized the Meeting of Nada Sedlar at the National Museum of Slovenia in the Conservation workshop, which was a combination of social and professional event, dedicated to the *Coptic Textiles from the Collection of the National Museum of Slovenia*.

In the field of education some well attended workshops were organized: *Workshop about the risk reduction on the subject of disaster planning, response and mitigation. The main topics of the lessons learned were on to reduce damage to cultural heritage through thoughtful action prior to a disaster situation, Identification of wood, The importance of knowledge of the structure and protection of wood in the field of restoration, Building heritage and the issue of strengthening the systems of historic buildings (Part 1: expert consultation Part 2: practical workshop), How to make sgraffito and Consolidation and protection of wall paintings and stone elements based on inorganic materials - conservation-restoration and chemical aspect*. Due to big interest we are repeating certain workshops or upgrading them in the coming year. The main goal of workshops is dissemination of new conservation-restoration methods and practices among the conservation-restoration profession, members of the association and the general public and promotion of the conservation and restoration profession and its new methods among the profession at home and abroad.

The purpose of DRS's program is to implement the education of experts in conservation-restoration in the field of cultural heritage and at the same time to raise public awareness of the importance of the protection of cultural heritage with professional approaches. There are no employees in DRS, but we have an honorary accountant, a secretary and editor of the website. Other associates (about 40 people) participate as co-creators of the program, who with their volunteer work actively contribute to raising the level of Society and its public image. Many of the projects, were organized jointly with other similar organizations, educational institutions and companies (such as the Biotechnical Faculty of the University of Ljubljana, the National and University Library in Ljubljana, The Museum Association, The Restoration Centre, The Institute for Conservation, etc.), as well as distinguished professionals and experts from other fields who help in the emergence of major projects.

For the purpose of organising the *European Day of Conservation-Restoration* in Slovenia we added the following link to the webpage dedicated to the events taking place in Slovenia to the E.C.C.O. website: <http://evropskidankonsrest2019.splet.arnes.si/>. DRS members prepared several events, which were put on the map and became part of the international events.

In the last few years, the Society has developed into a strong professional support of the conservation-restoration profession. The Society fully realized the program. The content was fully compliant with the program's announced content.

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